

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Middle District of Florida
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PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING CJA PANEL MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with the Criminal Justice Act Plan, as amended, (CJA Plan), for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the term of appointment for current panel members expires effective June 30, 2000. It is the intention of the Middle District Court to reappoint all present panel members who are interested in reappointment and who remain qualified to serve on the panel. Current CJA panel members wishing to remain on the panel must reapply using a short form application. New applicants seeking membership to the panel may also apply by completing the regular CJA panel questionnaire and application form. Both the short form (for current panel members) and the regular questionnaire and application form (for new applicants) are available at the Clerk's Office Intake counter or from the Magistrate Judges' chambers. All applications must be submitted to the court by June 12, 2000, for appointment commencing July 1, 2000. The term of the new appointment will again be three years. To be qualified for reappointment or new appointment to the CJA panel, the panel member must:

Be a member in good standing of the Bar of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida and the Florida Bar.

Have at least two years experience as an attorney licensed to practice in any state or the District of Columbia.*

Have sufficient competence to furnish high quality representation to criminal defendants in the District Court.

Be familiar with (1) the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; (2) the Federal Rules of Evidence; (3) the Bail Reform Act of 1984; (4) the Federal Sentencing Guidelines; and (5) legislation, rules or guidelines which supersede, amend or supplement (1) through (4) above.

Have attended and completed at least one live or videotaped course or seminar on the topic of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and their application, within twelve months prior to application. If such training course or seminar is not sponsored by the Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, or Fort Myers chapters of the Federal Bar Association, the program for the seminar or training must be approved by the Federal Public Defender of the Middle District.

Have attended and completed at least one Public Defender approved continuing legal education seminar on federal court criminal practice within the twelve months prior to application, or agree to attend such seminar within twelve months of reappointment, or have reviewed an approved video presentation concerning criminal practice in the Middle District of Florida which shall be on file in each Federal Public Defender Office in the District.*

Have participated as counsel of record, either as a prosecutor or defense attorney, in at least one criminal jury trial in any federal court. Alternatively, this requirement may be satisfied by the applicant's having participated in a federal criminal jury trial by sitting "second chair" to a member of the divisional Mentor Panel.*

Participate at least once annually in a continuing legal education course with emphasis on Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Such program must be approved by the Federal Defender. Attendance may be in person or through use of a videotape.

*The Court may, at its discretion, waive this requirement.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CJA PANEL QUESTIONNAIRE AND APPLICATION

The following Questionnaire and Application is to be completed by attorneys who wish to participate in the CJA Panel Plan established in the Middle District of Florida as part of the plan for representation of indigent defendants under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as amended 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

1.

Last	First	Middle
Name of Firm		
Street		
City	State	Zip
Office Phone No.	Fax No.	
Home Phone No.		
Fla. Bar No.		

2. Graduated from _____ School of Law
Year: _____
Date of Admission to the Supreme Court of Florida: _____
Name under which admitted, if different: _____
Florida Bar Number: _____
Date Admitted to the U.S. District Court for Middle District of Florida: _____
Other State Bar Association admissions and dates of admission: _____

Other U.S. District Court admissions and dates of admission: _____

3. Are you admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit?
If so, date admitted:

_____ Yes No

4. Have you ever been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded, censured, or otherwise formally disciplined, publicly or privately, as an attorney, or as a member of any other profession, or as a holder of any public office?

_____ Yes No

5. Are any charges or complaints now pending before any court or agency concerning your conduct as an attorney, or as a member of any profession, or as a holder of any public office?

_____ Yes No

6. Have you previously applied for appointment to the CJA Panel? If so, when:

_____ Yes No

7. Have you previously served on this CJA Panel? If so, list the dates of your service:

_____ Yes No

8. Have you ever been removed from any CJA panel or list? If so, give particulars:

_____ Yes No

9. Have you ever been relieved from an assigned defendant in any court for any reason, other than his/her retaining a private attorney? If so, give particulars:

Yes No

10. Do you speak any foreign languages? If so, give particulars and describe your level of fluency:

Yes No

11. Have you attended a continuing legal education seminar on the topic of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, and their application, within the twelve months prior to this application? If so, have you certified your compliance with this requirement with the Federal Public Defender?

Yes No

12. Have you attended and completed a continuing legal education seminar on federal court criminal practice within the twelve months prior to this application? If so, have you certified your compliance with this requirement with the Federal Public Defender?

Yes No

13. Alternatively, have you reviewed the video presentation concerning criminal practice in the Middle District of Florida (which is on file in the Federal Public Defender Office in each division of this District) within the twelve months prior to this application?

Yes No

13. Have you participated as counsel of record, either as prosecutor or defense attorney, in at least one criminal jury trial in any federal court?

Yes No

If not, have you participated in the District's "second chair" counsel program? If so, please attach to this application a letter from the member of the division's "CJA Mentor Panel" verifying that you have completed the program.

Yes No

14. Please describe what experience, if any, you have had in representing criminal defendants.

15. Please describe what experience, if any, you have had in representing parties in jury trials in state or federal court.

16. Please describe what other litigation experience you have had, if any.

17. Are you familiar with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, Bail Reform Act of 1984 as amended and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines? Please set forth briefly any education, training and experience you have had which serves as the source of your familiarity with these federal rules or statutes:

18. Please describe why you would like to participate in the CJA Panel Program.

19. If it is necessary to do so, have you sought approval from your law firm to participate in the CJA Program?

Yes

No

Not applicable

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Date

Applicant's Signature

RETURN YOUR ORIGINAL APPLICATION, THE NUMBER OF COPIES SPECIFIED AND ANY OTHER ATTACHMENTS TO EACH DIVISION IN WHICH YOU WISH TO SERVE AT THE ADDRESSES LISTED BELOW

USDC Clerk's Office
Jacksonville/Ocala Division
311 West Monroe Street, Rm. 110
P.O. Box 53558
Jacksonville, FL 32201
Attn: Magistrate Judge John E. Steele
send original and one copy

USDC Clerk's Office
Tampa Division
801 North Florida Avenue, Rm. 218
Tampa, FL 33602-3800
Attn: Magistrate Judge Thomas B. McCoun, III
send original and one copy

USDC Clerk's Office
Ocala Division
207 NW Second Street
Ocala, FL 34475
Attn: Magistrate Judge Gary R. Jones
send original only

USDC Clerk's Office
Fort Myers Division
2110 First Street, Room 2-194
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Attn: Ms. Leslie Gatto
send original only

Federal Public Defender
80 North Hughey Avenue, Rm. 417
Orlando, FL 32801
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